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1. The VEB Serum-Werk, Dessau, has been attached temporarily to the Pharma VVB, Halle. It is expected by plant employees that it will soon become independent of the Pharma VVB and then be subordinated directly once more to the Ministry for Heavy Industry. This change has come about as a part of the general uncertainty which appears to exist at present in the planning for the utilization of pharmaceutical firms in East Germany.
2. The VEB Serum-Werk Weissensee, Berlin-Weissensee operates competitively, rather than cooperatively, with the Dessau Serum-Werk despite the fact that the two firms worked together for several years under the Pharma VVB Halle. No collaboration of the Dessau Serum-Werk with other plants has been observed, not even with Jenapharm, although it had been contemplated at one time that the latter firm would supply penicillin to Dessau for veterinary use. This has not occurred.

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5. The staff of the Dessau Serum-Werk, including activities at Luisium, Tornau and Rottenau, has increased to about 750. This has been an overall increase, and no one section has been built up to an unusual degree.
6. The Dessau Serum-Werk has apparently fulfilled its obligations for production, research and numerous tasks assigned to it by planning authorities, for it has received bonuses every quarter.

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7. No new construction has taken place at the Dessau Serum-Werk other than the additions made to the typhus building 1/ (Building 3). These additions have been completed; they consisted of the construction of an extra story on one side of Building 3, and two extra stories on the other side of the building. The laboratories in these newly erected stories have been supplied with modern equipment, artificial marble floors and tiled walls. The apparatus ordered for this additional area, viz. an agitator (Rührwerk) extending through two floors, and several modern centrifuges, in addition to the usual laboratory apparatus, has been already installed. The new construction still contains moisture and has not yet been put into operation as laboratory sites.
8. While the new construction was going on, boilers were also installed to eliminate the chronic shortage of steam (a shortage of boiler facilities, not of coal, had produced this problem). A very spacious kitchen for the production of growth media was set up in the new section. This has adjoining rooms for meat preparation and apparatus for washing and sterilizing. Thus, Building 3 is no longer dependent for growth media preparation on Building 2. 2/
9. It is alleged that the two new floors of Building 3 will house facilities for production of erysipelas adsorbate vaccine for the immunisation of swine. The space is considered rather large for such a purpose. It is estimated that the area has sufficient productive capacity to yield 30,000 to 50,000 liters of erysipelas vaccine in one year. Since one pig requires only 10 cc. of vaccine per year, it is asserted that the installation would produce far more vaccine than would be required for East Germany if it were operated continuously on the production of erysipelas vaccine.
10. In 1952 the plant had already completed the installation of a deep freeze unit for serum purification and fractionation. The apparatus is now in operation and, as is usual, is equipped with a cooled centrifuge and a temperature regulation control which maintains temperature within the range minus 15 to minus 5 degrees centigrade. No new lyophilization apparatus has been procured, nor has the available apparatus been enlarged.
11. The Research and Development section of the Dessau Serum-Werk has been under the direction of Dr. Günther Zimmermann
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